



Goodland grad goes to seminary

Nick Parker, son of Lauren and Geralyn Parker of Goodland, graduated from Fort Hays State University this year and left in August for Mundoline, Ill., where he will study to become a Roman Catholic priest.

He was featured in a front-page article and picture in *The Hays Daily News* on Wednesday, Sept. 3.

Parker is attending the University of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary. He will take a year of pre-theology and then spend four years in the theology program, but he doesn't plan to give up music.

As a priest, Parker said in an article, he hopes he will have a chance to teach music or help plan the music for church

He plays the clarinet and for the past three years at Fort Hays State, juggled rehearsals for various ensembles, bands and choirs while handling a full academic load.

After deciding to pursue the priesthood, Parker changed his major from music education to a Bachelor of Arts in music, so he wouldn't have to take all the educa-

tion courses required of prospective teachers.

But he still kept a busy schedule, helping Father Fred Gatschet at the Comeau Catholic Campus Center.

As a freshman, he often was an altar server at Mass. As a sophomore, he moved from Wiest Hall into an apartment on the second floor of the campus center, where he was able to watch the day-to-day operations of the mission.

Father Gatschet said he thinks that arrangement helps potential seminarians to see what life as a priest is like.

"It's not just saying Mass," he said. "I have a rather full life.

"I used to tease Nick that being a priest isn't only about proclaiming the Gospel, it's about moving tables and chairs around, keeping the roof from leaking and keeping the boiler working."

Parker said that Father Gatschet was influential in his decision to pursue the priesthood but that others were, too.

"I talked with a lot of friends," he said. "They always supported my

decision. I always knew that whatever I was going to do, God would be at the center of everything I did."

Parker not only carried extra hours to get through college in three years, but also tuned instruments, taught piano lessons and served as an accompanist for fellow students.

He gave a senior recital, which wasn't required. He graduated with 135 credit hours, although only 124 are required for a bachelor's degree.

He did all of this while maintaining a nearly perfect grade point average of 3.92 and graduated summa cum laude. During his last three terms, Parker took a total of 51 hours and turned in a 4.0 grade average.

Parker said he wouldn't trade his experiences at Fort Hays State for anything and that he would take those with him to Illinois.

"I think the chances you get to interact with so many different people will be helpful," he said.

Though Parker will no doubt be busy at the seminary and beyond, he doesn't plan to leave his music behind. He took a keyboard with him.

Nick Parker played a piece by Chopin this spring with instruction from Dr. Junghwa Lee, assistant professor of piano at Fort Hays State University. He was a senior piano major at the university before graduating. He left the university at the end of August to attend a seminary in Illinois.

Despite daughter's plea, governor refused to parole man serving for manslaughter

By Evelyn Ward
Sherman County Historical Society
September 16, 1903: H.N. Schell Refused Parole — Must Serve Full Time Of Sentence Passed Upon Him — Plea of Miss Schell and Other Strong Influences Brought to Bear Overthrown by Opposition of Strongest Kind — Gov. Bailey has announced his intention of refusing parole to H.N. Schell, of this county, who is serving a two-year sentence in the penitentiary for manslaughter.

H.N. Schell has served half of the term and will have only a few more months to serve until he will be released.

Gov. Bailey was inclined to grant the parole in pity for Schell's 20-year-old daughter, who has been partly supporting and caring for five children.

"A girl who will work as hard as Miss Schell has," said the governor in discussing this case, "deserves a pardon for her father. She has kept

that family together, and if the objections to the parole had not been of the strongest kind, I'd have granted it."

Strong pressure was brought to bear, and the governor noted that the sentiment of the community here is against clemency.

September 17, 1903: Contracts for 32 Schools — Twenty Five Districts Yet Want Teachers — Pay Averages \$40 a month — Excepting the Goodland city school, in which six teachers are employed, there are 32 school districts in Sherman county that have hired teachers for the coming year and a few of these have already commenced.

The average of the salary paid is almost \$40 a month.

The number of the districts, the name of the teacher, and salary paid is here given:

District No. 2, Zora Hall, \$40
District No. 4, M.H. Wilson, \$37.50
District No. 5, Glen Kimmel, \$40
District No. 8, Lula Holmes, \$40
District No. 10, Anna Gilbert, \$35
District No. 14, Della Holmes, \$40
District No. 15, Grace Barnett, \$40
District No. 18, Anna Smith, \$35
District No. 31, Viola Reed, \$40
District No. 32, Mabel Thompson, \$30
District No. 3 5, Hattie Palmer, \$40
District No. 36, Anna Sexson, \$40
District No. 39, Gertie Harmon, \$35
District No. 41, Ralph Dimmitt, \$40
District No. 42, Ray Shirley, \$45

District No. 46, May Wilson, \$40
District No. 47, J.C. Welch, \$40
District No. 51, Eva White, \$32.50
District No. 52, Jennie Heston, \$40
District No. 53, Ralph Sexson, \$35
District No. 55, J.R. Shipman, \$40
District No. 56, Ester Phillips, \$40
District No. 57, May Nelson, \$35
District No. 61, F.E. Barnett, \$40
District No. 63, Anna Jones, \$35
District No. 64, Mary Funke, \$45
District No. 71, Emma Brelsford, \$50
District No. 73, J.P. Phillips, \$45
District No. 77, Ada Miller, \$40
District No. 81, Jessie Dooling, \$35
District No. 83, Enroth Stewart, \$40
District No. 85, May Kellum, \$40
Kanorado School, Atha Sexson, \$35

Six teachers, R.C. Smalley, B.P. Wells, O.A. Edwards, Penelope Scott, Stella Fortmeyer and L.D. Gillispie have been granted certificates, but so far as the records of the county superintendent's office are able to show, they have not as yet contracted for schools.

September 18, 1903: Scarcity of Teachers — County Superintendent of Schools Reed said, "There are 62 school organizations in the county and of this number only two, districts No. 12 and 76, will not want school this year.


That leaves 60 districts to be supplied with teachers, and since only 32 have contracts to teach, leaving 22 districts almost without a possibility of procuring a qualified teacher.

"I have laid the fact of the scarcity of teachers here before the state superintendent, but he can offer no aid in this case as other counties are as bad off in this matter as Sherman county.

"All districts not having school will of course forfeit their part of the state apportionment of school funds, unless the residents of these districts send their children to some other district or at least to some school somewhere.

"There will be another teachers' examination in Goodland the last Saturday in October, one day only, and I hope that more candidates for certificates will try again at that time, though I do not think that more than a few will enroll that day."

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1st place winner will be awarded \$100 & will receive a book format of their entry and a copy will be donated to the Goodland Public Library.


2nd place winner will be awarded \$50 & have their story printed in The Goodland Star News.


Both winners will get to read their story during story hour at the Goodland Public Library.

To enter: You may pick up a Timeline, Rules & Entry form at the Goodland Public Library, Knott Just Books or the Regional Prevention Center.

Entries are due no later than Oct. 10.

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AUDIOLOGIST	Sherri M. Beck, M.A., CCC-A	Sept. 5 & 19
CARDIOLOGIST	Barry Smith, M.D.	Sept. 10 & 24
DERMATOLOGIST	Charles Ruggles, M.D.	Sept. 4 & 18
EARS, NOSE, THROAT	Alfred N. Carr, M.D.	Sept. 5, 19 & 26
ENDOCRINOLOGIST	Gerald Poticha, M.D.	Sept. 18
GASTROENTEROLOGIST	Jeffrey D. Huston, M.D.	Sept. 22
GYNECOLOGY	Laura Rokosz, M.D.	Sept. 11
NEUROLOGIST	Steven J. Gulevich, M.D.	Sept. 3, 10 & 26
OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY	David Forschner, M.D.	Sept. 17
ONCOLOGY/HEMATOLOGY	Martin Rubinowitz, M.D.	Sept. 30
OPHTHALMOLOGIST	David Pfoff, M.D.	Sept. 26
OPHTHALMOLOGIST	Kent Bashford D.O.	
ORTHOPEDIST	Theodore J. Clarke, M.D.	Sept. 8
ORTHOPEDIST	Tim Birney, M.D.	Sept. 15
ORTHOPEDIST	Stuart J. Kennedy, M.D.	Sept. 16
ORTHOPEDIST	James Holmes, M.D.	Sept. 22
ORTHOPEDIST	Edward Parks, M.D.	Sept. 29
PEDIATRICIAN	Raymond Ketting, M.D.	Sept. 23
PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGIST	Warren Toews, M.D.	Oct. 1
PSYCHIATRIST	John C. Faul, M.D.	Sept. 3, 5 & 19
PODIATRIST	Erik Ouder Kirk, D.P.M.	Sept. 10 & 24
PLASTIC SURGEON	Greg Buford, M.D.	Sept. 24
PULMONOLOGIST	Ken Weisiger, M.D.	Sept. 11
PULMONOLOGIST	Tim Clark, M.D.	Sept. 17
RADIOLOGISTS	Professional Radiology Services	WEEK DAYS
RHEUMATOLOGIST	Karl Chambers, M.D.	Sept. 25
SPEECH PATHOLOGY	Vicki Transue, M.S.	Monday thru Friday
SUBSTANCE ABUSE DIR.	Fred Waters, CADC III	Monday and Tuesday
UROLOGIST	Darrell D. Werth, M.D.	Oct. 21
UROLOGIST	Carl T. Newman, M.D.	Sept. 9
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